



## DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

### News Release

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#### **DHHL BREAKS GROUND ON OFFICE BUILDING IN EAST KAPOLEI First State Department to Move Entire Operation to Kapolei**

**EAST KAPOLEI, HAWAII'I--** Governor Linda Lingle and Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr. joined the Hawaiian Homes Commission and other state and community leaders in breaking ground for Hale Kalaniana'ole, the new office complex for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) at East Kapolei.

Located at the present end of the Kapolei Parkway, Hale Kalaniana'ole will be a two-story, 45,000-square-foot office building on a nine-acre landscaped parcel, which includes parking.

"Hale Kalaniana'ole will be the permanent home for DHHL," said Micah A. Kāne, Hawaiian Homes Commission chairman and director of the department. "We will be moving the entire Honolulu operations of the department to our new home. The department is the vanguard of government services moving to Kapolei. We hope this will be the beginning for a hub of state government based in Kapolei."

The new DHHL home is in the midst of several developments the department has undertaken. The 226-unit Malu'ohai subdivision was completed in 2001. The homes of 326-unit Kaupe'a are currently under construction. Site work for the 403-unit East Kapolei I is underway with home construction scheduled to start next year.

A Memorandum of Understanding between DHHL and The Salvation Army was signed last year for Kroc Center Hawai'i, a \$100 million world-class civic center on 10 acres of land at Kapolei. Negotiations are also being finalized for a 67-acre regional shopping center on Hawaiian home lands in Kapolei that will bring more than 3,800 additional jobs to the region.

Governor Linda Lingle, who participated in today's groundbreaking, congratulated the department for the landmark event and for its commitment to the Kapolei region.

"As Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole envisioned, the homestead lands are indeed beginning to flourish," said Governor Lingle. "The Hawaiian homes program has come to the point where it can build its own home and, in the process, place higher education, more economic opportunities and more affordable housing opportunities in the Kapolei community. It's only fitting that this office complex be called Hale Kalaniana'ole," she added.

Kiewit Building Group is the site and building contractor for the \$21 million project. Next Design LLC is the design consultant. Expected completion is in January 2008. Project funding is through certificates of participation.

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